

behalf. What Sharon Waterhouse and the many others working along with her have done is give those soldiers a clear sign that we in America greatly appreciate their dedication and courage.

IN HONOR OF ELLEN MOIR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ellen Moir for receiving the prestigious Harold W. McGraw Jr. Prize in education.

Ms. Moir is the founder and executive director of the New Teacher Center (NTC) at the University of California, Santa Cruz. The NTC is a unique place where educators and researchers develop programs for new teachers. Evolving from a staff of 5, NTC has grown into an organization of 65 teachers and researchers who continue to turn Moir's mission into a reality. Ms. Moir has brought academic innovation as well as tireless focus to preparing students and teachers for success and it is certainly fitting that Ms. Moir is nationally recognized for her expertise in teacher preparation, induction, and support.

Thus, I would like to salute Ellen Moir for her outstanding contribution to teacher professional development education. She has dedicated her life to improving the education system in this country and without her motivation and expertise, organizations like the NTC would never have been established. Her accomplishments are invaluable and continue to make a difference in the nation today. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to honor such a compassionate and innovative individual who resides in the 17th district of California.

SALUTE TO GUARDIANS OF
FREEDOM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Guardians of Freedom for their service our great Nation.

Your Guardians of Freedom is a new program that enables unit commanders and Airmen to quickly communicate with people affected by and interested in the mobilization and deployment of military people. Beyond that, it is designed to tell the story of the American Airmen tirelessly fighting the global war on terrorism.

With this program, commanders can contact and request the support of civilian employers, educators, families, members of Congress and local government leaders, and the local media when Guard members, Reservists and active duty troops get called up for Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom operations in this country and overseas.

These Guardians of Freedom are being honored by Northrop Grumman with a special program, dinner and reception.

It is with great honor that I stand here today to salute the Guardians of Freedom for their

help in safeguarding our Nation's freedom. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted American citizens, but serve as an inspiration to others.

HONORING ROBERT KOST FOR RECEIVING THE AWARD FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATORS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic actions of Robert Kost, resident of Chautauqua County, city of Jamestown, upon his receiving the 2005 Emergency Communicators Award.

Although this award is only 2 years old it is an exclusive award. Kost was nominated for this honor by Livingston County Sheriff Joe Gerace. Gerace felt that Kost deserved this award for the actions that Kost displayed when he received a 911 call reporting that a 95 year old woman was choking. Kost calmly and readily took action and walked the son and daughter in law of the woman through the Heimlich maneuver. The procedure was successful after the son performed it a second time. Kost then continued to stay on the line with the woman's son and daughter in law until the fire department arrived and could provide further care.

Robert Kost is a brave and heroic man who has saved the lives of many people thanks to his devotion and dedication to his career as a professional dispatcher. Because of these commendable actions taken by Robert Kost, I rise to honor him today.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF E.F. BOYD & SON FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of E.F. Boyd & Son Funeral Homes, Inc. The Boyd family, which owns 3 funeral homes in the Cleveland area, has been in business since 1905, and is celebrating a century in business.

Elmer F. Boyd, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, originally owned a barber shop but realized the need for a funeral home that catered to African Americans. Boyd then opened the third funeral home in the Cleveland area that served blacks.

In the time before automobiles Boyd would use a city owned streetcar named the Black Maria to carry bodies and families to burial sites. Boyd would also go to the homes of the deceased to embalm or preserve the bodies, and he would sew the lining into the casket himself before manufacturers lined caskets.

In the late 1930s Boyd's son William joined the business, and later his son William II, and daughters Marina and Marcella took on the duties of their father and grandfather.

Since the passing of Elmer Boyd many other members of the family have kept the business running, including his great-grand-

daughter, and oldest daughter of William II, Victoria. Victoria is the only female in the family who has both an embalmer and funeral director's license.

Four generations have made possible the successful continuation and expansion of E.F. Boyd & Son Funeral Homes for 100 years.

On behalf of the people of the 11th Congressional District, I wish to commend E.F. Boyd & Son Funeral Homes, Inc. on their 100th anniversary. Their existence is a true testament to family values and dedication, and the continuing legacy of the American dream.

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SPEECH OF

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation honors Gold Star Mothers, I rise today to honor a Gold Star mother from Colorado. JoAnn Rehn was born and raised in Milbank, South Dakota, on a dairy farm called Schmidt Dairy. She married her husband Charles Rehn about 40 years ago. They had 3 sons. The oldest, Joe, the middle Randall, and Jimmy the youngest.

They moved to Colorado 33 years ago and settled in Longmont, where JoAnn lives today. For many years she has run a small business out of her home. She is a hardworking, industrious woman.

The military heritage comes from a great, great grandfather on the father's side. He was a Swedish General. JoAnn's son Randy joined the military in the mid-80's. Jobs were scarce, he was a gung-ho guy, and there was lots of opportunity in the military.

Sadly, Randy lost his life on April 3, 2003 in battle during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Despite the heartbreak of losing Randy, the family still believes he died for a noble cause. When asked why his mother should be honored, Randy's brother Joe said, "She believed in what he was doing, fighting for our freedom, and despite the loss, she would make the sacrifice again. Our freedom is worth more than dollars. Having Randy gone is a negative for me and our family. But here is the positive part: freedom for America is what it is all about and God bless everyone else that feels the same way."

Randy's brother Joe also thinks it is really hard on his Mom to hear about more soldiers being killed on the news everyday. "You have to continually re-live the loss over and over, and that makes moms and families hurt continually. Hopefully it ends soon and we can all move on," Joe said.

Up to 1,000 people attended Randy's funeral in Longmont, paying the highest respect to him and his loved ones. It is my hope that Randy Rehn's family, especially his dear mother, feels the continued respect, admiration, and heartfelt sympathy from Members of Congress and Americans across this great nation.